



## Reading Fire Information Update Lassen Volcanic National Park and Lassen National Forest

August 14, 2012 6:00 am

Reading Fire Information: 877-384-7026

InciWeb: <http://www.inciweb.org>

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**Community Meeting tonight, August 14, at 7:00 pm at the Old Station Volunteer Fire Department**

### **Reading Fire Update**

**Location:** 14 miles south of Old Station, CA.

**Command:** Interagency Incident Management Team 3 (Pincha-Tulley)

**Start Date & Report Time:** July 23, 2012 at 5:09 PM      **Cause:** Lightning

**Acres:** 23,958    NPS acres = 15,506    USFS acres = 6,662

**Percent Containment:** 15%

**Estimated Containment:** August 21, 2012

**Resources:** Hand Crews: 33    Engines: 70    Helicopters: 4

**Injuries:** 0    **Structures Damaged:** 0    **Estimated Cost-to-Date:** \$6,419,394    **Total personnel assigned to the incident:** 1,273

**Current Situation:** All burning operations have been successful to date. These operations provide a larger margin of safety to the local communities. The contingency lines are completed. Firing operations will continue to be conducted when and where burning conditions favor successful outcomes. These burning operations may be conducted either day or night as conditions allow, and will result in smoke appearing some distance from the wildfire edge. The firing operations will take place over a several day period in order to moderate fire effects. All preparation work for structure protection has been completed and structure protection is in place. Engines are assigned today to structure protection and perimeter protection in order to respond quickly to any threat. The weather is predicted to bring thunder storms to the area which could cause erratic and shifting winds if cumulus clouds form over the fire

The head of the fire should continue to spread northwest over both West Prospect and Prospect Peak and north over Badger Mountain down Hat Creek drainage. The western flank of the fire will continue burning northwest down Lost Creek drainage. The eastern flank will continue spreading east towards Snag and Fantastic Lava Beds. The southeastern flanks and heel should continue burning south of Grassy Swale.

Interagency Incident Management Team 3 (Pincha-Tulley) took command of the incident at 6 pm on August 13, 2012. Numerous agencies from many jurisdictions are working together in cooperation to ensure public and fire fighter safety and suppress the fire as quickly as possible.

The Lassen National Forest and Lassen Volcanic National Park are working together and providing a coordinated response to the fire. Smoke will continue to pose health concerns for the public. Residents are encouraged to visit the "Protect Yourself from Smoke" website for smoke protection information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Wildfires/>. Local air quality conditions and forecasts are available at <http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.main>.

**Closures – Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway:** The road through the Park is closed just past Manzanita Lake to Summit Lake. There are additional road and facility closures which can be found on the Lassen Volcanic National Park official closure notice. <http://www.nps.gov/lavo/parkmgmt/upload/Reading-Trail-Closure-Handout-8-11-12-UPDATE.pdf> Park visitors can still access the park at the north entrance to Manzanita Lake and the Loomis Museum and the south entrance in Mineral. Visitors have access to the Park Highway up as far as Summit Lake. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead for current information.

**Closures – Lassen National Forest:** Please visit the Lassen National Forest web-site at [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lassen/alerts-notices](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lassen/alerts-notices). Additional Information: Please contact the Reading Fire Information phone line at 877-384-7026 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org), or the Lassen Volcanic National Park website at [www.nps.gov/lavo](http://www.nps.gov/lavo), on Twitter@LassenNPS, and on Facebook.